



## Constitution Day Dialogue Initiative Matching Mini-Grants

This program offers 1:1 matching funds to support expenses that make civic dialogue activities at member campus more accessible to a diverse array of participations.

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### Highlights

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- Mini-grants of up to \$250 are available to support access-related expenses related to dialogue activities at Minnesota Campus Compact member institutions. Dialogues may engage students, faculty, staff, and other community members in events held on or off campus in September-October 2018. Proposals can be submitted by campus departments, student groups, or community-based organizations working with a member campus.
- Projects must somehow encourage people to discuss Danielle Allen’s Know Your Values exercise (see <http://tinyurl.com/knowyourvalues>). Other activities may vary. We encourage potential applicants to be creative, considering various dialogue models and opportunities to integrate civic dialogue into existing programs/classes/groups as well as supporting special events. Activities may take place anytime between September 1-October 31, 2018. Mini-grant funds must be used to support access-related expenses, such as food, child care, interpreters, or transportation assistance.
- Proposals must be submitted via email to [info@mncampuscompact.org](mailto:info@mncampuscompact.org) by 5:00 p.m. Central time on June 18, 2018, to be considered for funding.

### Review Process

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A peer committee will review the proposals, using the following criteria to select mini-grant recipients:

- proposed activities engage students and possibly others in meaningful civic dialogue;
- any campus and community partners collaborate in equitable and mutually beneficial ways;
- activities promise to engage people who might not otherwise be in dialogue together;
- proposal outlines clear and appropriate use of funds.

### Timeline

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<b>April 1, 2018</b>	Request for proposals released
<b>June 18, 2018</b>	Proposals due
<b>June 29, 2018</b>	Successful applicants notified
<b>September 17, 2018</b>	Constitution Day
<b>October 31, 2018</b>	Funded activities completed
<b>November 30, 2018</b>	Final reports due

## Matching Funds

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A one-for-one match is required for all mini-grants. This means that if a mini-grant of \$250 is requested, the applicant--including any or all partners--must commit to providing a total of at least \$250 in cash and/or in-kind services (e.g., staff time that is not paid by the mini-grant, volunteer time, space or supplies to enable mini-grant activities to take place, etc.) for the initiative.

## Reporting Requirements

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Minnesota Campus Compact will send a Memorandum of Agreement to the primary contact for each mini-grant. All applicants must agree to:

1. complete their mini-grant activities;
2. somehow incorporate the use of [Danielle Allen's Know Your Values exercise](#) (with participants submitting responses through an online Google Form that MNCC will provide); and
3. submit a report by November 30, 2018, plus any media, photos, or videos documenting their project activities and outcomes, and an overview of actual expenses.

## How to Apply

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**Proposals must be submitted via email to [sinda@mncampuscompact.org](mailto:sinda@mncampuscompact.org) by 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2018, to be considered for funding.** The subject line should read: "Mini-Grant Proposal." Complete proposals will consist of a request letter that includes:

1. the name of the project;
2. name and contact information for the person responsible for the application;
3. a list of any on- and/or off-campus partners in planning the proposed activities;
4. the funding amount requested (up to \$250), as well as the expected amount and source(s) of the match provided by project partners; and
5. a short proposal narrative that addresses the following questions (no more than one page):
  - What are the goals of the proposed project? What outcomes do you expect?
  - What activities will take place?
  - How will the dollars be used for access-related expenses?

## For More Information

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With any questions, please contact Sinda Nichols at [info@mncampuscompact.org](mailto:info@mncampuscompact.org) or 612-436-2080. This RFP is also available at <http://mncampuscompact.org/what-we-do/initiatives/dialogue-initiative/>.